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## GENEROUS VICTORS.

### United States the Only Country to Pay for Property Taken in Time of War.

When it was first rumored in Europe that the United States would offer money to Spain as one consideration for the surrender of the Philippines, some of the foreign newspapers remarked incredulously that the world would believe the millennium was at hand when a victor offers to buy of the vanquished what territory it desired, and especially so when the territory had been virtually conquered. Germany took both territory and money from France; Russia took both territory and money from Turkey, and Turkey in turn took both territory and money from Greece, or at least demanded them. In spite of European incredulity, this offer of money has been made, and furthermore, it is not unprecedented. Fifty years ago this country utterly defeated Mexico and was in a position to compel the acceptance of any terms it dictated; but in compensation for territorial cessions by Mexico this country agreed to pay \$15,000,000. Spanish sympathizers on the French press may excite themselves over our greed of conquest, but we have shown a degree of moderation unapproached by any other conquering nation, and so unprecedented except in our own history, that the rumors of what we would offer were received abroad with little less than derision. We have not, like the barbarians who overwhelmed Rome and of some of their more recent imitators, imposed ransom upon the subjected nation, and in requiring it to

give up its sovereignty over some of its possessions we have offered a fair commercial equivalent.—N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

In this connection, Joseph Chamberlain, one of England's most eminent statesmen, says that expansion for America is undoubtedly the proper thing. Nations, like individuals, can not remain isolated without deterioration; without great responsibilities and struggling with questions of grave import, nations are lulled into peaceful nonentities and fail in advancement and enlightenment. America is closer to England now than ever before. These two great civilizing powers, walking hand in hand, will in greater part control the destinies of the civilized world in the century to come for weel or woe, and neither should shirk the responsibilities placed upon them.

Judge St. James' court has set a precedent that will be a landmark in jurisprudence in this city. The case which called forth this learned decision was styled: "Territory of Arizona vs. Eugene Davis." The complaint lodged against Mr. Davis was that he wanted to talk to his wife. Twelve true and good men listened to the evidence and brought in a verdict in accordance with the instructions of the judge, so that now our citizens may safely talk to their own wives.—Jerome News.

The French are ready to sell us the Panama canal at less than cost with scandals enough thrown in to make embankments a mile high along the entire route.